

FRENCH SMASH GERMAN DRIVE

Twice Hurl Back Assaults
on Recently Won Posi-
tions on Hill

DRIVE BRITISH BACK

Invaders Storm Five Hundred Yards
of Trench Near Vermelles, But Hold
Only a Portion

Paris, May 13.—Several heavy Ger-
man attacks near Fort Douaumont and
Thiaumont, northeast of Verdun pre-
ceded by the most violent bombard-
ment, were repulsed with heavy los-
ses last night, the French line yield-
ing not an inch, the war office an-
nounced today.

"On the west bank of the Meuse,
the French gained new ground near
Hill 287 (west of Hill 304)" said the
official statement.

Southwest of Verdun, near Eparges,
a strong German renaissance was
checked by the French before the
Germans succeeded in reaching open
ground.

Paris, May 13.—Two attempts by
the Germans Thursday night to recap-
ture positions on the western slope
of Dead Man Hill, taken by the
French on May 10, were frustrated by
the French artillery fire. Artillery
is active about the Avocourt
wood and the bombardment in the
Douaumont-Vaux section continues,
according to the official War Office
report today.

Senator Berenger, writing in the
Matin, says that "the key to the war
lies in the possession of the Briey
Valley between Verdun and Metz."

"Since the war began," says Sen-
ator Berenger, "France, having lost
the Briey basin, has been obliged to
import almost all the iron required
from England and America, while
Germany having occupied the whole
Briey Valley, is able to add 21,000-
000 tons to her own annual output.
This explains the assiduity of the
Germans at Verdun. They want to
capture the fortress so as to effec-
tually prevent the French from at-
tacking Metz."

"In a confidential memorandum ad-
dressed to Chancellor von Bethmann-
Hollweg on conditions of future peace
by German industrial agricultural as-
sociations, on May 20, 1915, the fol-
lowing passage occurred: 'If the pro-
duction of iron and steel had not
doubled since August, 1914, the con-
tinuation of the war would have been
impossible. The Briey region now
produces 60 to 80 per cent. of our
iron and steel, and if that production
was hampered the war would be prac-
tically lost.'"

WON PENNANTS AT RALLY

The Sunday school of the Metho-
dist Protestant Church won both pen-
nants at the young people's rally of
the Methodist Protestant Church held
last night at the Park Road Metho-
dist Protestant Church, Washington.
One pennant was for having the
largest percentage of its officers
and pupils present and the other for
the largest percentage of Christian En-
deavors present. The Rev. E. T.
Kirkley of this city made an address.

The DEKOVEN QUARTETTE (Baltimore)

Sara Storm Crommer, Soprano,
Samuel Eischenback, Tenor,
Mabel R. Flaherty, Alto,
Edgar R. Dobson, Baritone,
H. Patterson Hopkins, pianist

Benefit Musical Fund Second
Presbyterian Church.

Westminster Building,

MONDAY, MAY 15, 1916.
8 O'clock.

Tickets, 50 cent.

Reserved Seats at Warfield's
Drug Store.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Funeral services for Frank Riley
were held this morning from Wheat-
ley's undertaking establishment and
were conducted by the Rev. E. V.
Register.

Julia Page, colored, was badly bit-
ten on the leg yesterday afternoon by
a dog owned by Robert McKeown, an
engineer of the Corby Baking Co. The
woman was on upper Duke street ex-
tended when attacked. In police
court this morning Justice Caton or-
dered the dog killed.

FIX CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Experts Find Propeller Broken off
Which Caused Airship Wreck
at Mouth of Creek

Captain Baldwin of the Atlantic
Coast Aeronautical Station, L.
Deutsch, an employee of the engineer-
ing department of the Curtis Motor
Co. and Aviator Vernon, made a
thorough investigation of the wrecked
aeroplane which fell in the river
Thursday morning.

According to Mr. Deutsch who is
at the Hotel Rammel, the accident
was caused by the right hand pro-
peller breaking and falling into the
path of the second propeller. This
caused the machine to fall at one
side and there must also have been
a bad "air pocket" in which the ma-
chine was located at that time the
accident occurred. There is no telling
what caused the propeller to break
and it probably was caused by a hid-
den defect. The air ship was com-
pletely destroyed and after it is ex-
amined again today will be burned at
Ft. Washington and the motors ship-
ped to Newport News.

Search has been abandoned for
the time being for the bodies of the
two missing aviators, I. L. Crants
and Charles Good. Mrs. Crants ar-
rived here yesterday and is at the
Hotel Rammel and Charles Crants, a
brother of the missing man, and Mr.
Green, a cousin, arrived today. The
three are from Hammondsport, N. Y.
Several government boats were used
in dragging the river yesterday with-
out effect and it was decided to post-
pone further efforts for a week or
ten days when it is expected that
the bodies will rise to the surface.

M. E. CHURCH CONFERENCE

Movement to Eliminate Ban on Cer-
tain Amusements.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 13.
—Members of the Methodist Episco-
pal Church who play cards, dance and
attend the theater will no longer be
liable to expulsion, if recommendations
made by a subcommittee of the
general conference, which has been
considering the question of amuse-
ments, are adopted by the commit-
tee on the state of the church and
later by the conference. The report
was offered to the main committee
late yesterday and after an acrimo-
nious discussion action was deferred
until Monday.

By a vote of 10 to 8 the subcom-
mittee recommended the elimination
from the book of discipline of the
clause prohibiting these amusements,
and offered as a substitute an addi-
tional paragraph in which warn-
ing is made against the diversions: The
effect of the proposed change is to
remove the absolute prohibition, but
to place the church on record as still
strongly opposed to these forms of
amusement. A minority report was
submitted advising the retention of
the paragraph as it now stands.

The delegates to the conference
were brought to a high pitch of ex-
citement yesterday by a proposal, sub-
mitted in the report of the commis-
sion on social service, which is de-
signed to place the church on record
as endorsing the preferential shop,
which, it was charged, will lead lat-
er to the closed shop.

If this is adopted, according to dele-
gates who spoke in opposition, it will
place the church in the position of
specifically endorsing the methods of
labor unions, and will result in the
abolishment of the "open shop" sys-
tem in the publishing plants of the
Methodist Book Concern in Cincinnati
and Chicago. Although technically
"open," the plant at New York city
now employs only union labor.

PROGRESSIVES ATTACK WILSON

Twenty-Four Delegates to
National Gathering
Selected

GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS

Roosevelt is Lauded in Speech by
State Chairman Percy S. Stephen-
son of Norfolk

Roanoke, May 13.—Selection of 24
delegates, with half a vote each, to
the Chicago convention on June 7,
instructed for Theodore Roosevelt,
and a severe criticism by speakers
of the alleged "maladministration of
the Democratic party," featured yester-
day's State Progressive party con-
vention here. A resolution severely
arraigning Democratic activities in
Virginia was adopted unanimously.
State Chairman Percy S. Stephen-
son, of Norfolk, opened the conven-
tion at noon yesterday. G. N. Wise
of Newport News, was made tempo-
rary chairman, and L. S. Thomas of
Martinsville, was chosen permanent
chairman.

In a speech criticizing the Republi-
can and Democratic parties. Mr.
Stephenson said: "Theodore Roosevelt
stands out as a true American, a man
among men. It has not been necessary
to repeal legislation enacted during
his incumbency of seven years and a
half. During his administration not
an American rifle was fired, and with-
in that time he triumphed by diplo-
macy in handling successfully seven
difficult international situations. He is
a man of peace, who not only advo-
cates a square deal for every man,
but national and international justice
as well."

"Mr. Wilson," said Mr. Wise, "re-
minds me of the Duke of York, who
marched his men up the hill and back
again; and the Secretary of the Navy
has a policy which is 'Nobody shall
know what I'm going to do next.'"

Following the adoption of resolu-
tions of respect to the memory of
Thomas Lee Moore former State
Chairman in Virginia, the convention
adjourned.

The following delegates and alter-
nates to the national convention were
elected: At large—Percy S. Stephen-
son, Second District: L. S. Thomas,
Fifth District: E. J. McCullough,
Tenth District; John H. Catron,
Ninth District.

First District—George A. Walker,
and George N. Wise, delegates;
Henry Warden and J. W. Hester,
alternates.

Second District—Paul C. Trugien
and John R. Doles, delegates; George
C. Tonkin and George R. Barton, al-
ternates.

Third District—Jeff H. Powell and
O. H. Russell, delegates; John L.
Grubbs and George G. Rourke, al-
ternates.

Fourth District—George Richardson
and Wise Worrell, delegates; H.
E. Ferguson and George B. Jones,
alternates.

Fifth District—F. C. Foote and
C. T. Barksdale, delegates; William
M. Peyton and C. W. Jones, al-
ternates.

Sixth District R. R. Fairfax and
Van Ness Meermance, delegates; W.
H. Masineup and J. E. Boehm, al-
ternates.

Seventh District—W. S. French
and D. B. Murphy, delegates; Wil-
liam B. Dutrow and J. W. Lovegrave
alternates.

Eighth District—S. D. Scott, dele-
gate; no alternate.

Ninth District—George W. Blank-
enship and John L. Ross delegates;
Marian Smith and H. T. Einstein,
alternates.

Tenth District—McClung Patten,
C. N. Cohron and H. E. Haden, dele-
gates; Charles Curry, Alvin Cohron
and O. D. Masters, alternates.

—MAY DANCE—
Benefit of
Cardinal Athletic Club
Odd fellows' Hall
WEDNESDAY MAY 17, 1916
8:30 p. m. Tickets 50 cents

FOR BRITAIN ON APPAM. Prize Ship Not Covered By Prussian Treaty, Lansing Wrote.

Norfolk, Va., May 13.—British
owners of the German prize ship Ap-
pam began their effort to recover
possession of the vessel in the Fed-
eral Court here yesterday with the
submission of a letter from Secretary
Lansing to the German Ambassador
at Washington, expressing the opin-
ion that the Appam did not fall un-
der the protecting clauses of the
Prussian-American treaty.

The Secretary's letter, holding to
a view opposite to that which it had
been understood was entertained by
the State Department, was admitted
in evidence by Judge Waddill over
the protest of attorneys for the Ger-
man Government and Lieut. Hans
Berg, the prize commander, joint de-
fendants in the owner's libel suit.
Preliminary briefs have indicated
that the German case would be built
largely upon the treaty provision re-
ferred to in the letter.

Three officers of the Appam's Brit-
ish crew, her master, first officer and
chief engineer, testified as to the
ship's position when captured by the
raider Moewe, the placing of bombs
about the ship by the prize crew
to prevent mutiny and the removal of
bullion from her cargo.

Counsel for the libelants secured
admission as evidence, over protest,
of section 110 and 111 of the Ger-
man prize code, which it is contended
deny the right of German prizes to
take refuge in neutral ports under
such circumstances as existed in the
Appam case. The Appam's certifi-
cate of British registry also was in-
troduced and accepted over an objec-
tion. Sparring over legal intricacies
occupied a good part of yesterday.

Secretary Lansing in the letter in-
corporated in the trial record made
the point that the Appam came into
Hampton Roads, not in custody of a
German warship, but purely as a
merchant prize, and alone. The Prus-
sian-American treaty, he held, ex-
tended protection to a prize only when
conveyed into port by a war vessel.
It was pointed out, however, that
this was a legal question that should
be passed upon by the court, and the
letter was introduced, attorneys said,
as evidence in the nature of expert
testimony.

It was understood that the German
Ambassador's reply sharply com-
bating the position of Secretary Lan-
sing which never has been made pub-
lic, would be submitted to the court
later by the German counsel and that
a rejoinder from the Secretary might
also be put in evidence.

The Appam's position when cap-
tured was stated by her officers to
have been about 100 miles from the
point given by Lieut. Berg. The
owners say she was about 1,500
miles nearer Emden than Norfolk,
and that her captors were bound by
international law to take her into
the Atlantic.

Washington, May 13.—The Ger-
man Government claims possession of
the Appam under Article 19 of the
treaty of 1799, which provides that
the vessels of war, public and pri-
vate, of both Germany and the United
States shall have free entry and de-
parture with their prizes from ports
of both countries.

The contest arises over the fact
that the Appam was not brought in-
to Hampton Roads by a German war-
ship, but came wholly unaccompanied,
purely a merchant prize and alone.
The treaty makes no specific pro-
vision for a prize which comes alone,
and deals only with those brought
by warships. The Appam, however,
had a German prize crew aboard, and
these complications are to be decided
by the courts. Ultimately the case
probably will end in the Supreme
Court of the United States.

The British owners of the Appam
seek to recover her by libel proceed-
ings.

BANKHEAD BEATS HOBSON.

Son of Alabama Senator Nominated
For Congress.

Birmingham, Ala., May 13.—Wil-
liam B. Bankhead, son of Senator
Bankhead has defeated former Con-
gressman Richmond P. Hobson for
the congressional nomination in the
newly-created Tenth district by 51
votes, latest returns of the Demo-
cratic primary show. Hobson has an-
nounced he will contest.

DEVILED & HARD SHELL CRABS
AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT KING ST.

SENATOR MARTIN OUT FOR JAMES

Will Support Danville Pub-
lisher for National Com-
mitteeman from Va.

STUART IS FOR GLASS

Governor Agrees to Nominate Lynch-
burg Representative—Senator Mar-
tin and Glass Give out Statement

Among the names being men-
tioned for the position of tem-
porary chairman of the Roanoke
convention is that of Con-
gressman Charles C. Carlin, of
Alexandria, who has for years
been recognized as one of the
most able politicians in the
State.

Washington, May 13.—The split
between Senator Thomas S. Martin
and Representative Carter Glass of
Virginia, over the question of who
shall be elected National Democratic
Committeeman from the State at the
Roanoke convention on June 2, rum-
ors of which have been in circulation
for several days, became a matter of
general knowledge today when the
two men issued statements, the Sen-
ator saying he intends to support, Col.
Rorer A. James, of Danville, and not
Mr. Glass. Representative Glass, in
his statement, charged that Senator
Martin had voluntarily promised to
support him. Senator Martin inferen-
tially says he made no uncondi-
tional promise to support Mr. Glass.

The Martin-Glass row has got the
whole State of Virginia by the ear.
It has excited more than usual
interest because the two men, who
are leaders of opposing factions in
Virginia, had about two months ago
patched up their difficulties and had
indicated that they would try to bring
about Democratic harmony and unity.
Everything was moving along
smoothly until Col. James, an intima-
te political friend of Senator Mar-
tin, announced his determination to
seek election as national committe-
man. About three weeks prior to this
announcement Mr. Glass, at the so-
licitation of Representative Flood,
Hay, Holland and Watson, and, he
claims, at the suggestion of Senator
Martin also, stated that he would con-
sent to stand for national commit-
teeman.

Mr. Glass, in his statement regard-
ing Senator Martin's reported prom-
ise of support, said:

"Senator Martin made no reserva-
tion whatsoever when he voluntarily
proffered in his support for a posi-
tion for which I was not, and am not
now, a candidate in the sense that I
would ask anybody to vote for me. It
is insulting to me to suggest that I
would quietly submit to the affront
of receiving from anybody an offer
of support for a place that nobody
else would have, and I would imagine
that Senator Martin will not relish
being placed in the attitude of hav-
ing proposed such an indignity."

"I did not ask Senator Martin's
support nor that of anybody else, nor
shall I do so. His cordial support was
voluntarily tendered me by Senator
Martin in most friendly fashion with-
out reservation of any sort, as may
readily be ascertained by asking
Senator Martin himself. The only
suggestion of any reservation came
from me, when I frankly said I would
not desire to enter a contest for
such a place, whereupon Senator
Martin promptly and earnestly un-
dertook to reassure me on this point
by saying he felt certain I need ap-
prehend no opposition from his
friends."

Senator Martin, in his statement,
comes out flatly for Col. James for
national committeeman. The state-
ment follows:

"I have read the paper purporting
to be an interview to be published
from Mr. Glass in relation to the
contest between himself and Mr.
James. I see no reason whatever
for entering into a newspaper discus-
sion of this matter. My only pur-
pose in taking any part in connec-
tion with it was my desire to have as

much harmony as possible in Virginia
politics. Contrary to my wishes a
contest very soon developed. In that
contest, suffice it to say, I am sup-
porting Mr. Rorer James, of Danville
for the vacancy on the National De-
mocratic Committee."

Governor Henry C. Stuart has
agreed to place the name of Congress-
man Carter Glass before the State
Democratic convention, at Roanoke,
for the honor of national committe-
man from Virginia.

Congressman Edward W. Saunders
of Franklin, has agreed to perform a
similar service for Col. Rorer A.
James, of Danville, who is also a
candidate for the same honor.

Such is the report current in poli-
tical circles, and it is being confirmed
by the friends of the two gentlemen
aspiring to the position which has
been held for so many years by J.
Taylor Ellyson.

WALK OUT AGAIN Employees of Washington and Old Dominion Railway on Strike

Employees of the Washington and
Old Dominion Railway walked out on
another strike at 4 o'clock yester-
day afternoon, following the refusal
of officials of the company to meet
the demands of the carmen's ultima-
tum for redress of grievances.

The railway line is paralyzed, not
a single car having made a run since
the strike became effective.

The 300 employees of the company
—all of them organized—are deter-
mined not to return to work until
substantial concessions have been
made.

Officials of the company, on the
other hand, regarding the action of
the carmen as a breach of the con-
tract drawn up at the end of the
strike early in April are fully as de-
termined not to yield an inch.

With this deadlock paralyzing the
railway system, the 10,000 residents
of Virginia who patronize the line
daily will be compelled to walk or
use automobiles or wagons.

By a vote of 44 to 21 the carmen,
at a meeting last night in George-
town, decided to continue the strike
and to fight the company until sub-
stantial concessions have definitely
been granted. Announcement of the
vote was greeted with shouts and
cheers.

"By declaring a strike while ar-
bitration was in progress, the em-
ployees of the Washington and Old
Dominion Company have violated an
agreement, and unless they go back
to work the American Federation of
Labor, Rezin Orr, who organized their
union, and I personally will wash
our hands of them and the whole af-
fair."

This statement was made today
by Samuel Gompers, president of the
American Federation of Labor when
asked if he had been consulted by
the employees or company officials re-
garding the strike.

Notwithstanding this statement
by the president of the federation,
officials of the carmen's union said
they intended to remain on strike un-
til the company had signed the pro-
posed working agreement or give up
a definite, binding and specific con-
tract.

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH

Rt. Rev. D. J. O'Connell, Bishop of
Richmond Will Deliver Sermon

The dedication of the new St.
Joseph Catholic Church for colored
people on north Columbus street will
be dedicated tomorrow morning at
10 o'clock. The dedication services
will be directed by the Rt. Rev. D.
J. O'Connell, bishop of the diocese
of Virginia who will preach a sermon
following the dedication a solemn
high mass will be celebrated.

A large number of priests from
Richmond, Washington, Baltimore and
Philadelphia, will take part in the
services. A feature of the program
will be the music which will be fur-
nished by a colored choir.

COMING

Friday, May 19, 1916

The Phi Mu Sigma Players.

M. E. Church, South, in
THE TIME OF HIS LIFE

A side-splitting, three act comedy.

Young People's Building 8 o'clock.
Admission 25c

Tickets at Allen's Drug Store

ROOT RELIES ON G. O. P. IN STATE

Seven Others in the South,
He Expects, Will Sup-
port Him

FRIENDS OPTIMISTIC

Statement Given Out by Former Sen-
ator's Publicity Bureau Sees Hope-
ful Drift

Washington, D. C., May 13.—The
Elihu Root Presidential Publicity Bu-
reau in a statement last night claims
that the former New York Senator
will receive the votes of Virginia,
North Carolina, Tennessee, Mississip-
pi, Louisiana, Georgia, Arkansas and
Florida on the first ballot at the
Chicago National Convention. This
claim, it is stated, is based upon con-
fidential reports the Root manage-
rs have received from the Southern
States.

The Root statement is clearly a bid
for Southern support. It says in part:
"A careful perusal of the list of
delegates for the Republican Nation-
al Convention that meets in Chicago
June 7 so far reveals the fact that
the South will have the strongest
delegation at any Republican Nation-
al Convention in the history of the
party. The list shows that lawyers,
doctors, business men, manufacturers
and farmers are among those who will
represent the South at the conven-
tion. With the 200 or more votes the
South will contribute towards the
nomination, it will hold the balance of
power in the convention. Party man-
agers are gratified with the character
of the delegates and maintain that
it indicates a drift to the Republican
party from a substantial element in
the South. Particularly this is true
of Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama,
Georgia and Louisiana."

"In North Carolina there is a good
chance for the election of three mem-
bers of the House and a fighting
chance for the electoral vote. The
manufacturer of the State are strong-
ly leaning to the Republican party.
Mr. Root, when he was Secretary of
War, recommended liberal river and
harbor improvements for the South,
realizing the great future of the
South. When he was Senator, he co-
operated with Southern Senators to
secure legislation that was beneficial
to that section."

NO PEACE PROPOSALS

Lord Robert Cecil, However, Says
There is Truth in Stories from
Germany

London May 13.—"The latest peace
overtures said to be of German origin
while not as insolent and impossible
as previous statements on the same
subject, certainly do not yet offer a
basis for negotiations," said Lord
Robert Cecil, minister of war trade,
in discussing with the Associated
Press the latest reputed German peace
terms. Lord Robert continued:

"We have never received, either
officially or unofficially, any direct
peace suggestions from Germany, and
the only indirect overtures we are
aware of appear in the speeches of
and the recent German note to Am-
erica. We would not think of discus-
sing or even considering any over-
tures without consulting our allies.
No formal or informal conference for
this purpose ever has taken place."

"In diplomatic procedure a neutral
is hardly likely to make any sug-
gestions of peace terms unless cer-
tain they are acceptable to the recip-
ient."

"If Germany should decide to ap-
proach us through the medium of
the United States the latter would
have to use its own judgement as to
whether or not to deliver the request"
While disclaiming any knowledge
of the internal condition of Germany
Lord Robert declared that the in-
creasing reports of peace overtures
indicate there is some truth to the
stories that the central powers are
in desperate straits.

HARD SHELL CRABS NOW ON
SALE AT RAMMELS CAFE